

**§ 312a. Special pay: nuclear-trained and qualified enlisted members**

(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, an enlisted member of the naval service who—

(1) is entitled to basic pay;

(2) is currently qualified for duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants; and

(3) has completed at least six, but not more than ten, years of active duty and executes, when eligible, a reenlistment agreement for not less than two years;

may upon acceptance of the reenlistment agreement by the Secretary of the Navy or his designee, be paid a bonus not to exceed six months of the basic pay to which he was entitled at the time of his discharge or release, multiplied by the number of years or the monthly fractions thereof of additional obligated service, not to exceed six years, or \$15,000, whichever is the lesser amount.

(b) Bonus payments authorized under this section may be paid in either a lump sum or in installments.

(c) An amount paid to a member under subsection (a) is in addition to all other compensation to which he is entitled and does not count against the limitation prescribed by section 308(a) of this title concerning the total amount of reenlistment bonus that may be paid.

(d) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, refunds, on a pro rata basis, of sums paid under subsection (a) may be required, and further payments terminated, if the member who has received the payment fails to complete his reenlistment contract or fails to maintain his technical qualification for duty in connection with supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants.

(e) Provisions of this section shall be effective only in the cases of members who, on or before June 30, 1975, execute the required written agreement to remain in active service.

(Added Pub. L. 92-581, §1(3), Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1277; amended Pub. L. 97-295, §3(3), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1303; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(b)(1), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

## 1982 ACT

This amends 37:312a(c) to reflect the amendment made to 37:308 by section 2 of the Armed Forces Enlisted Personnel Bonus Revision Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-277, May 10, 1974, 88 Stat. 119).

## AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 102-25 struck out “of this section” after “subsection (a)”.

1982—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-295 substituted “section 308(a)” for “section 308(c)” and struck out provision that a member receiving payment under this section is not entitled to any further payments under section 308(g) of this title.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 308 of this title.

**§ 312b. Special pay: nuclear career accession bonus**

(a)(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, an individual who is selected for officer naval nuclear power training and who executes a written agreement to participate in a program of training for duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants may be paid a bonus not to exceed \$10,000 upon acceptance by the Secretary of the written agreement. Upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary, the amounts payable upon selection for training and upon completion of training, respectively, as determined under subsection (b), shall become fixed.

(2) Under such regulations, and subject to such exceptions, as the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe, an individual who has entered into an agreement with the Secretary under this subsection, who has been paid a bonus under this subsection, and who fails to commence or satisfactorily complete the nuclear power training specified in the agreement shall be required to refund such bonus.

(b) The Secretary of the Navy shall determine annually the total amount of the bonus to be paid under this section and of that amount the portions that are to be paid—

(1) upon selection for officer naval nuclear power training; and

(2) upon successful completion, as a commissioned officer, of training for duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants.

(c) The provisions of this section shall be effective only in the case of officers who, on or before September 30, 1999, have been accepted for training for duty in connection with the supervision, operation, and maintenance of naval nuclear propulsion plants.

(Added Pub. L. 94-356, §3, July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 901; amended Pub. L. 96-579, §2(b), Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3359; Pub. L. 97-60, title I, §119, Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 997; Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, §632(b), title XIII, §1303(b)(4), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 644, 740; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VI, §614(b), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1446; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIII, §1322(c)(7), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1672; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(b)(1), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title VI, §613(h), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2784; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, §613(f), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 360; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §613(e), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2544; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VI, §§613(e), 624(b), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1786, 1793.)

## AMENDMENTS

1997—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 105-85, §624(b), substituted “\$10,000” for “\$8,000”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-85, §613(e), substituted “September 30, 1999” for “September 30, 1998”.

1996—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104-201 substituted “September 30, 1998” for “September 30, 1997”.

Pub. L. 104-106 substituted “September 30, 1997” for “September 30, 1996”.

1994—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “September 30, 1996” for “September 30, 1995”.